

SERVICE

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*Williamson, John*

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State of Virginia }  
Tyler County } P. P. On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January

A. D. 1834 Personally appeared before me Moses  
Williamson a Justice of the Peace in and for  
said County of Tyler John Williamson a resi-  
= ent of said County of Tyler aged 74 years  
the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March last past who being first  
Duly sworn according to Law doth on his  
Oath make the following declaration in order  
to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1832 that he entered the Service  
of the United States and served under the  
following names affirms as herein stated  
that at Fort Shepherd on Big Wheeling  
Creek in the State of Virginia on or about the  
Day of September in the year 1776 he volunteered  
under Capt. Samuel Mason Subaltern affirms  
names not recastated for a term of one month  
Declares that he was marched from  
Fort Shepherd passing by Catfish Camp now  
Washington Pa to Fort Pitt now Pittsburg Pa  
and engaged in watching the movements of a large  
Body of Indians assembled at Fort Pitt as he  
understood for the purpose of making a treaty  
from Fort Pitt affirms was marched to Fort Wheeling  
Virginia his month for which he had volunteered

having expired he was discharged by his Suiet Capt  
Samuel Mason After having Suiet and Month a  
Ypirato Sadies on or about 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1777—  
Daremount Again volunteered his Suiet and was  
accepted by the same Capt Samuel Mason as an Indian  
Spy for a term of 9 Months has forgotten his Subaltern  
officer meaning he now thinks an officer named Shepher  
Commanded at Fort Shepher this Summer of 77—  
He states that in obedience to the orders of his Suiet  
Capt Mason he assisted to defend Forts Shepher and  
Wheeling and to Spy the adjacent Country and  
Keep a Sharp Look out for and hold in check  
the Savage Indians and as far as possible prevent  
them from committing Murders and Plundering the  
frontier Inhabitants of Western Virginia & Pennsylvania  
and further that he Spies on Mc Mahons Creek &  
Masons Wheeling Creeks North of the Ohio River and on  
the waters adjacent to Forts Shepher & Wheeling on the  
Virginia shore of the Ohio River and he further states  
that during the above named tour he now thinks  
in September that a number of Indians headed as he  
afterwards learned by the infamous Simon Girty  
Approached Fort Wheeling and decoyed out Capt  
Agas & Mason with 26 or 27 men all of whom except 3 or 4  
were most inhumanly butchered the Savages afterwards  
Besieged the fort and killed the Stock &c but not  
withstanding their Superior force the Little Garrison  
held out and bravely defended the fort until the



Starves dispersed of Society abandoned the Siege  
affairs was more or less being marching and  
driving the Country which was constantly under  
alarm from the frequent invasions of the Savages -  
a man and his family named John Price was murdered  
this Summer of 77 - near Fort Shepherd the events  
before named are the most important that affiant  
recollects of taking place during the above named  
9 months tour in the Summer & autumn of the  
year 1777 his tour of 9 months having expired  
for which he had volunteered he was discharged  
by his Society Capt. Samuel Mason on or about  
the day of December 1777 at Fort Shepherd on Big  
Wheeling Creek in the State of Virginia after having  
served upwards of 9 months from March 77 - till  
December 77 - a private Soldier an Indian Spy in  
the Service of the United States declarant remained  
about Fort Shepherd & Wheeling till the Spring of  
1778 about April of that year he again  
volunteered his Service as an Indian Spy as  
Private Soldier under his same Capt. Samuel  
Mason declarant is clear as to his memory  
extremely treacherous and not without  
he served this 9 months tour under Capt.  
Mason his particular details that he cannot  
recollect his Subaltern officers names indeed  
his memory in regard to his marches and  
driving Excursions is very imperfect he

Recollects his 9 months tour under Capt Mason  
Commenced the same Spring that General  
McIntosh descended the Ohio River and erected  
A fort at the mouth of Big Beaver on the  
North West Shore of said River Ohio—  
Dominant States that he speedily detected  
the war path of the savages which led  
to the frontier Settlements of North Western  
Virginia & Pennsylvania for the purpose  
of holding in check the Indians who  
were continually when they had an opportunity  
permitted murdering all ages and  
condition of life not even sparing the  
Incests babe at the mother's breast but  
indiscriminately murdering and  
carrying away the frontier inhabitants  
into Captivity and further that many  
of the Captives were only saved from  
the misdeeds instruments of the tomahawk  
and Scalping Knife to suffer the  
slow cruel death of being burned  
at the stake during the period of the  
revolutionary war and for a considerable  
time after peace was made with  
Great Britain by the United States

That in Pursuance of the <sup>the</sup> offering Constitution  
of his Country and <sup>the</sup> eminent danger  
of the Western frontiers of Virginia  
and Pennsylvania falling into the  
hands of merciless Savage Indians  
He was induced from a pure devotion  
to his Country, to come to California  
and offer his aid in order to better  
secure the frontiers Counties  
to Forts Shepherd & Wheeling from  
Savage Violence and Invasion  
and declare unto further Study  
That during the Summer of 1778  
He was kept at Forts Shepherd  
and Wheeling and along the  
Ohio River as Long as was said  
Ohio River as the mouth of Green  
Creek - and was stationed as a  
Guard & Spy <sup>at</sup> Green Creek  
afore said as well he can recollect  
about one month during the Summer  
of 78 and that he was frequently



marched in obedience to the order of his  
Said Capt James Mason to direct [place]  
along the Ohio River and in the  
North Western Country in pursuit  
of hostile bands of Indian warriors  
who made frequent incursions into  
the Settlements he does not recollect  
of being in any Engagements with  
the Savages during his term of duty  
in the year 1778 his term of 9  
months for which his Service was accepted  
having expired declarant was  
Discharged he now thinks at  
Forts Whelling in the State of  
Virginia and time early in December  
of the year 1778 he has forgotten  
Precisely on <sup>what</sup> day of Service months  
after having served 9 months an Indian  
App or private Soldier in Capt  
Mason's Company in the Service  
of the United States - Again in  
the year 1779 he now thinks in the  
Spring of that year he again volunteered  
his Service at Dupont's Fort under his

Same Capt Mason and marched to Grand  
Cave he and several and months no Indian  
Saw during this time the Spies of which appears  
long and discovered 25 Indians the Savages  
were sent to flight and a boy son of John  
Lane taken from the Indians he was  
then discharged after one month's service by  
Capt James Mason at Shepherd's fort of which  
Declarant states that he served every year  
more or less from 1774 till 1783 but he  
cannot remember all his officers meaning  
he served about four months in 1780 assisted  
in attacking 9 Indians the Spies killed 8 of  
the Savages only and escaped he also served in  
81-2-43- during the summer of those years  
under Capt Mason & Capt George Williamson  
whose Company was attached to Col Daniel  
Cannon and he also Spied on Buffaloe -  
a water of the Ohio River in 81 or 2- he is confident  
that putting all <sup>his</sup> services together that he served  
three years in the war of the Revolution  
- time and declarant is certain that he has  
not over rated his service but he is certain that  
he has not detailed all his services having forgotten  
the names of officers and many of his marches  
believing as he said that they would never be  
important to him in the decline of his life  
Declarant has stated only such events and



and services as he can best remember he is certain  
that he <sup>never</sup> knew you more or less from 1776 till you  
was made he is too old & infirm to attend Court  
he has no documentary evidence of his service  
he does not know any person living that he  
can prove his service by he was last discharged  
by Capt & Williamson he thinks in the year 1783  
on Buffaloe Creek in the State of Virginia, hereby  
voluntarily & freely claims whatever to a Pension or  
annuity except the present and he declares that his  
name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency  
of any State he served with Major Spier <sup>Chief</sup>  
Subscribed and sworn to this day & year aforesaid

John Williamson

To the Director General of the  
War Department to the applicants he answers  
as follows: 1. I was born in the year 1759 on  
the 27th of March at Virginia Manor & State  
of Maryland = 2. My father told me I was born  
as above stated I have no record of my age  
I was living when I entered the Service in Virginia  
I have lived ever since in Virginia I now reside in  
the County of Taylor = 3. All my time I  
was a volunteer private Soldier I served as such  
I know when in Service General Hand & Mc  
Intosh & Col John Gibson Shepherd & Col  
David Williamson I served chiefly  
with Spier I do not recollect the Number  
of my Regiment whatever I have detailed  
the general Circumstances of my Service  
to my discharge and also lost many papers

I Am known to John W Allen a Clergyman  
William Johnson and John Vidler who  
can testify as to my Character for reality  
and their belief of my service as a Soldier of  
the Revolution  
Sworn to and Subscribed the  
Day and year aforesaid

John Williamson

We John W. Allen Clergyman, William Johnson and John  
Vidler residing in Tyler County and State of Virginia  
hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with John  
Williamson who has subscribed and sworn to the  
above declaration that we believe him to be  
74 years of age the 8 day of March last past  
that he is reputed to be and believed in the  
neighbourhood where he resides to have been a  
Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur  
in that opinion

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
John W. Allen, Clergyman  
William Johnson  
John Vidler

and I the said Justice of the peace hereby  
declare my opinion after the investigation of  
the matter and after putting the interrogatories  
prescribed by the War Department that the above  
named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier  
and served as he states and I the said Justice  
further Certify that appears to me that John W.  
Allen a Clergyman and William Johnson & John  
Vidler who have signed the preceding certificate

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
 for a statement of the military history of John Williamson  
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
 information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-  
 sion on file in this Bureau.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
1776	1 year during the Revolution	Sergeant	James Madison	John Davidson	Va.
	at various places until 1782		George Washington		

Battles engaged in, ✓  
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, Va.  
 Date of application for pension, Jan. 16 1834  
 Residence at date of application, York Co. Va.  
 Age at date of application, Mar. 8 1759 at King's Mountain, Va.

Remarks: His name was not allowed to be filed to his credit for military service as required by the Act of June 4, 1832, under which he applied for pension. No family data.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.